Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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I would like to comment on line 318 page 14 of the introduction section of this document. I am concerned that the study that is sited is outdated and that the statement is also not accurate. This document should better define "upper arm". This document should site more studies for phlebitis relating to site location of IVs overall or not come to this conclusion. Where is the documentation that the hand is less likely to have phlebitis than the wrist or upper arm? I am certain someone besides Dr. Maki has looked at this. We are a small institution but have not seen this to be true in our practice.

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